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U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM 1998

Winter Wheat: Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, down 1 percent from May 1 and down 10 percent from 1998. The entire decline from last month is in Kansas. Heading has reached 88 percent in the 19 states while harvest progress was just 2 percent. Soft Red Winter yields in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee are at record levels. Disease problems have been minimal in Indiana. Kentucky's wheat has the highest condition rating in four years. Collective head count forecasts are at record levels in the Soft Red Objective Yield States of Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio. Head weights are above average. Prospects are for an excellent crop in Ohio. Forecasted head counts from the Objective Yield surveys in the six Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas) are similar to last year, but with low average weights forecast. May precipitation has improved

conditions in Nebraska. The Texas harvest had moved into the Low Plains by the end of May and was winding down in the Blacklands and central areas. California's non-Durum harvest progressed well during May, advancing into the San Joaquin Valley by mid-month. Combined plant populations in the Pacific Northwest Objective Yield region are higher than average, but forecasted head weight is lower than normal.

Durum Wheat: Production of Durum wheat in Arizona and California is forecast at 17.1 million bushels. This is unchanged from May 1, but down 45 percent from 1998. Arizona harvest was about 25 percent complete by June 1. The California Imperial Valley harvest was 60 percent finished by June 1, while the San Joaquin Valley crop had just started by late May.

WINTER WHEAT AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION DURUM WHEAT AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, 1998 & FORECASTED JUNE 1, 1999

STATE	Area harvested		Yield			Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999		1998	1999
				May 1	June 1		
	1,000 acres			Pounds		Tons	
<u>WINTER WHEAT</u>							
AZ 1/	8	10	90.0	85.0	85.0	720	850
CA	380	390	60.0	70.0	75.0	22,800	29,250
CO	2,550	2,400	39.0	38.0	37.0	99,450	88,800
ID	770	710	82.0	77.0	76.0	63,140	53,960
KS	10,100	9,200	49.0	43.0	43.0	494,900	395,600
MT	1,250	1,000	39.0	40.0	40.0	48,750	40,000
NE	1,800	1,900	46.0	40.0	42.0	82,800	79,800
NV 1/	6	10	100.0	90.0	90.0	600	900
NM 1/	265	265	30.0	30.0	30.0	7,950	7,950
ND 1/	60	48	35.0	32.0	32.0	2,100	1,536
OK	5,100	4,500	39.0	34.0	33.0	198,900	148,500
OR	790	640	67.0	59.0	58.0	52,930	37,120
SD	1,420	1,260	43.0	42.0	42.0	61,060	52,920
TX	3,900	3,400	35.0	31.0	33.0	136,500	112,200
UT 1/	150	145	50.0	50.0	50.0	7,500	7,250
WA	2,100	1,800	65.0	64.0	62.0	136,500	111,600
WY 1/	200	170	32.0	33.0	33.0	6,400	5,610
OTHER STATES	9,277	8,195	49.3	52.3	53.4	457,605	437,753
U.S.	40,126	36,043	46.9	44.4	44.7	1,880,605	1,611,599
<u>DURUM WHEAT 2/</u>							
AZ	144	75	105.0	95.0	95.0	15,120	7,125
CA	175	105	90.0	95.0	95.0	15,750	9,975
MN	5		37.0			185	
MT	430		28.0			12,040	
ND	2,950		33.0			97,350	
SD	24		26.0			624	
U.S.	3,728		37.8			141,069	

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

2/ Harvested area for U.S. and northern states will be available in 'Acreage' released June 30, 1999. Yield and production for U.S. and northern states to be published in 'Crop Production' release July 12, 1999.

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RELEASE DATES FOR UPCOMING NATIONAL REPORTS

June 29 Agricultural Prices
June 30 Grain Stocks
June 30 Acreage
July 07 Non-Citrus Fruits and Nuts Annual
July 12 Crop Production

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX INCREASES 3 POINTS

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in May was 99 based on 1990-92=100, up 3 points (3.1 percent) from April. The index increase was due to the seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell. The normal increase in marketings of cantaloupes, grapes, peaches, and sweet corn in May more than offset the relatively lower marketings of cattle, milk, cotton, and oranges. The change in marketings was accompanied by a slight increase in overall prices. Price increases from April for hogs, broilers, oranges, and hay more than offset price decreases for lettuce, strawberries, cattle, and eggs.

Compared with May 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 4 points (3.9

percent) lower. Price decreases from May 1998 for soybeans, corn, hogs, and wheat more than offset price increases for peaches, carrots, cucumbers, and turkeys.

PRICES PAID INDEX UP 1 POINT

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 117 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 1 point from April but unchanged from May 1998. Since April, higher prices for hay and forages, feed supplements, feed concentrates, and nitrogen fertilizers more than offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feed grains, and herbicides.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., MAY 1998 AND 1999 AND APRIL 1999

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		May 1998 Entire Mo.	Apr. 1999 Entire Mo.	May 1999 Mid-Mo.	May 1998 Entire Mo.	Apr. 1999 Entire Mo.	May 1999 Mid-Mo.
Upland Cotton 1/	Lb	.560	.554	4/	.622	.567	.575
All Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	5.26	4.38	4.31
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	7.43	4.68	4.63
Winter Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.91	4.14	4.04
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	107.00	94.00	103.00	103.00	81.90	91.60
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	109.00	95.00	103.00	108.00	85.60	95.70
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	61.00	70.00	88.00	78.00	65.80	69.40
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	11.80	12.90	14.70	12.50	14.50	16.20
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	10.40	23.00	27.50	17.10	19.80	21.80
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	4/	22.50	27.40	24.70	23.20	27.40
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	12.10	23.20	17.90	8.27	32.30	15.30
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	38.40	36.00	35.00	36.40	35.10	36.30
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	65.80	64.70	64.30	66.30	66.00	64.50
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	65.00	64.40	64.00	63.00	62.70	61.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	88.50	86.30	83.00	88.90	88.20	87.20
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	12.50	12.10	12.70	13.30	12.60	12.90

1/ Preliminary Parity Prices are for first half of month.

2/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs.

6/ Equivalent on tree.

7/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

8/ 'Cows' and 'steers and heifers' combined.

9/ Preliminary; Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

10/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.60.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1998		1999	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	104	103	96	99
Prices Paid	118	117	116	117
Ratio 1/	88	88	83	85

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.